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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1632

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Examiner: Gerald Ewoldt

APPLICATION NO: 09/770,002

FILED: JANUARY 25, 2001

FOR: USE OF CD25 BINDING MOLECULES IN THE TREATMENT OF
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS OR SKIN DISEASESAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

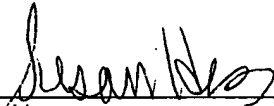
The Office Action of September 5, 2002 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 5, 2002. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$ 410 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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